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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

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III OTHER DOCUMENTS

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IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The references were cited in the Japanese Patent Office Search Report of July 3, 2001, in counterpart PCT/JP01/02903. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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